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INDUSTRIAL MINING.

Nevada is getting its first wind in the race for industrial development through expansion of the infant business of opening industrial metals, alloys and alloys, that abound in southern Nevada. Within a short time alum will be going out from the adjoining county of Esmeralda where, in the Silver Peak district, the deposits are said to surpass in wealth and magnitude anything known in the world. So pure is this alum that one chemical company in the far east has offered to take the entire production at a price exceeding the highest ever paid for the commodity. This is the beginning of what promises to expand into one of the greatest resources of the state with the possibility of adding potency to the output of the company. In the southern end of Nye county another company is engaged in developing immense fluor spar deposits which, after simple treatment, are sent to market. This industry opens a vista for the employment of hundreds of men and providing remunerative returns for millions of capital. In the same vicinity are the enormous quantities of the purest marble known to the building trades which rival the famous Carrara product of Italy over which artists rave. In texture and coloring the marble is without a peer and every foot of the finished product finds a ready sale in the adjoining states where it is used in the finish of office buildings, for wainscoting, stairways and resurfacing floors. This investment represents close to a million dollars and the promoters are confident of the commendation of the citizens of Nevada who soon scarcely aware of the magnitude or value of the undertaking. Then there are the clay beds, including the famous deposit of whitening which yields 90 per cent abnormally pure which cannot be supplied fast enough to fill orders. The Standard Oil company owns thousands of acres of oil lands whose underground treasures are employed for electricity purposes at the numerous refineries of the owners along the Pacific coast. Numerous deposits of silica are listed by the United States geological survey but, for the present they are too remote from the consuming centers to be incorporated among the active industries. Of course borax should be counted as a Nevada product since the best holdings of the world's leading producer of this mineral have most of their interests in this state and the mines are only over the border from Nevada. The various elements entering into the manufacture of cement, building brick and firebrick are also found in profusion but as these products cannot stand the long haul their development must wait for the nearer approach of business demands. Arsenical ore is going out from Manhattan at the rate of 700 tons a month, which nets the shipper \$75 to \$100 a ton. In summing up these raw resources the story would not be complete without reference to coal, which will be opened in quantities sufficient to furnish the domestic demands of the whole state and leave a surplus for the coast, where the steady growth of shipping calls for a fuel cheapened by a short haul. Coal is in the making and, when the various oil companies succeed in reaching the oil sands at depths of from 1200 to 3000 feet Nevada will take rank with the most prolific oil states unless all signs fail.

CALLING IN SILVER.

Germany and Canada are taking steps to conserve the use of silver in coinage. Germany is the first of the powers to take definite steps to reorganize silver currency in Canada. The Reichsbank began January 21 offering 6 1/2 marks in paper currency for each silver mark coin. This is intended to draw in such silver mark coins as yet remain in circulation and that may have escaped the melting pot to date. The official German mark coin is a silver coin about the size of a quarter dollar. It weighs 5.555 grams and is an alloy of 900,000ths silver and contains 77.16 grains pure silver. The silver is worth 21 1/2 cents per German mark when silver sells at \$1.33 in New York or \$1.35 in Berlin. The new standard of German silver has not yet been announced. A new silver coinage of Canada is in force. The Canada Gazette gives notice that since January 1 the Canadian units have been minted silver coins of the same size and weight and same face value as heretofore but containing only 800 parts pure silver per thousand in the alloy versus 925 1/2 parts pure silver. The old British standard. The old Canadian silver dollar contained 133 grains of pure silver. One thousand ounces pure silver will enter into the face value of \$1700.00; money as against \$1400 heretofore. This establishes \$1.70 an ounce as the "par" between the coin and bullion value of Canadian money versus \$1.40 before. Two bills in Congress to revise American silver coinage are still before the house committee with slight shift of passage, since Senator Thomas and other staunch silver advocates insist that complete reorganization of silver is the only way of meeting the world's distress and averting "commercial chaos." The British government plans, according to the silver money but has not taken definite steps in this direction such as have been taken by Germany. The British government has, however, prepared and already issued currency notes of what used to be called "shipwreckers" in the silver war days of this country. They represent paper money of small denominations looked, presumably, by some sort of sealer of gold or silver.

OBSERVANCE OF LINCOLN DAY.

Tomorrow is one of the greatest patriotic holidays in the annals of American history. This will be Lincoln's birthday, the day that brought into the world the man of all men who seemed raised by Divine Power to be the instrument by which the United States of America should be preserved in their integrity to fulfill the mission of pointing the way to other nations to live in the will of the people. The day should be observed in becoming manner by the display of flags, and exercises should be conducted in the public schools with the object of making a lasting impression on the youthful mind. In this connection it should be mentioned that there is a state law requiring that the flag be displayed from the top of every schoolhouse during school hours. This duty appears to have been neglected in Tonopah through oversight or otherwise.

INDIANS MAKE GOOD SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—A proposal to organize one or more full divisions of Indian troops as a part of the re-organized army and to be known as the North American Indian division or divisions, is pending in congress as part of the army reorganization legislation.

Many instances of exploits of personal heroism on the western front, such as won for the Red men in France the nickname of "squirrel hunters" because of the deadly accuracy of their rifles in sniping contests with Germans, were furnished the committee as evidence of valuable man power which it is contended would be wasted if the Indians were denied a place in the army scheme.

Expertness at scouting and patrolling, particularly at night and in unknown territory; disregard for personal danger under fire, and untiring loyalty, were among the soldierly qualities the Indian was described as possessing to an unusual degree. Specific cases are cited by Dr. Joseph Kossuth Dixon, secretary of the National American Indian Memorial association, of which Rodman Wamamaker of New York is founder and president. Dr. Dixon also read a letter from General Pershing giving his "heartily approval" to a plan to enlist Indian regiments.

A majority of the more than 17,000 Indians who saw military service during the war were members of the 50th division, the Texas and Oklahoma national army division, the 28th division, National Guardsmen, which received heavy Indian replacements to fill the gaps produced in its ranks by fighting on the Marne. But the Redskins served in many other units and in practically all services.

Dr. Dixon declared that after visiting numerous camps and hospitals, all officers interviewed, from the commanding officer to the corporal or petty officer, who have had Indians under their command, with one accord, render universal and enthusiastic commendation of the brilliant, the stability, the amenability to discipline, the heroism and valor of the Indian as a fighting force in our American army and navy.

Major Tom Reilly, who commanded the 3rd battalion of the 195th infantry, was quoted as saying the Indians were "the best and safest replacements he had at any time."

An instance of how the Choctaw dialect of men under the command of Colonel William J. Morrissey, of the 132nd infantry, proved of value in dodging the German "listening" system was related by Dr. Dixon. In October, 1918, preceding the armistice, when the 142nd infantry was in front of Etienne, on the Champagne front, the Germans detected American troop movements by tapping wires. To avoid this Colonel Morrissey organized a signal square of Choctaws to transmit the messages in their original dialect. "This barbed wire conversation," Dr. Dixon said, "was a barrage that nonplused the Germans." In working the "code," it was found that there were no words in the Choctaw tongue for many military technical expressions, and it was necessary to make up a table of substitutes, such as "one grain corn" for "first battalion" and "arrows" for "ammunition."

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JAPANESE CALL FOR BIG ARMY

(Correspondence Associated Press)

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—The Japanese budget for the next fiscal year amounts to the equivalent of about \$687,572,011. An increase equivalent to about \$100,000,000 is asked by the army and navy.

The minister of finance has stated that it is highly important to strengthen the national defense in order that peace may be preserved and the mechanism of communication developed. Substantial increases are also called for in the departments of education and communication.

Referring to the naval expenditure it was explained that, in the extraordinary expenditures of the navy, estimates have been included for the completion of the so-called "eight and eight squadron." Eight dreadnoughts and eight battle cruisers. The proposed naval scheme will cost about \$875,375,000 of which \$40,000,000 appears in the budget for the coming year.

It is proposed to begin the construction of the following warships: Four battleships, four battle cruisers, twelve cruisers, twenty-seven destroyers, five gunboats, twelve service ships, six mine sweepers and some submarines.

The increased expenditure will be met principally by heavier income tax which will advance over that of last year by approximately \$39,000,000. The tax on sake, the Japanese national drink which is made from rice, also will be increased.

The shortage in the revenue will be made good by the temporary suspension of the redemption of the domestic national loan.

ANNUAL DOG RACE.

ASHTON, Idaho, Feb. 11.—Ashton's fourth annual dog race will be held February 22, Washington's birthday. This year's race promises to be the best yet held and is attracting wide attention.

Probably the most interesting of the entries is Miss Gladys Abernethy, 18, conceded to be one of the best woman dog racers in the United States. Miss Abernethy is a true daughter of the west, having been born near Ashton. "Ted" Kent, winner of the 1917 and 1919 races, will also be a contestant this year, entering his former string of winners.

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UTAH-IDAHO LEAGUE.

OGDEN, Feb. 11.—Steps for the formation of a Utah-Idaho baseball league to include Ogden, Logan and Brigham City, Utah, and three Idaho towns, are being fostered by local diamond enthusiasts.

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